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Crucial aspects of professionalism in the medical image department were demonstrated throughout my whole clinical placement. Some of the most important ones I saw daily were, patient interaction and communication, teamwork and time management. I often got to see all three of these being used during exams. Techs would be time efficient, to ensure the patient was in and out in a timely manner and still capture good images. The communication was with the patient to confirm comfort and as well as the other techs to make sure the exam was done smoothly. Some of the professionalism I encountered was ethical standards, patient privacy and confidentiality and professional appearance. These were important to demonstrate especially as a student. It shows that you respect the department and the patient. It also showed that us as students were serious and knew what we were there to achieve.

I believe that the medical imaging department aligns with other healthcare professions. We want what is best for the patient and hold a high patient care. Every health care worker has a professional responsibility to provide ethical, safe, high quality patient care. We rely on team work in the imaging department which I believe other healthcare workers do too. We don't only work with the other techs in our department but we also communicate with nurses, radiologists, doctors and many others to ensure the patient is receiving what they need.

We learned how to place an IV during a vena-puncture lab. We had a nurse show us the steps which included. Patient consent, allergies/ contraindications, IDV and checking the emotional status of the patient. We then learned how to select an injection site while ensuring we keep our patient comfortable. Once selected you then ensure you have all the right equipment needed for the procedure, ready and accessible. Once you have the IV placed it's important to stabilize the area and to make sure that the patient feels it's as comfortable as it can be.

I felt that once it was my turn that I did well in ensuring my equipment was ready. As well as being steady throughout the procedure. I think it was difficult to not over think it, and to remain calm will be the best thing I can do for myself during this. This demonstration really showed us the importance of keeping a sterile field. We learned why it is so important for us and the patient. Moving forward I would like to get my practice to ensure I have a good technique and that I can provide patient comfort during an IV placement.